

Madison County Weed Board

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The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Also present at the meeting were John Armstrong, Guy Buyan, Sam Korsmoe, and Margie Edsall. Guest present for the meeting was Roger Siemens.

Guy Buyan made a motion to approve the June 20th 2006 Board minutes as presented. John Armstrong second, and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Office & Program Activities: *Margie Edsall updated the Board on activities with crew progress and office activities. Margie reported that most roads in the County have been treated and now crews are checking on roads that were done earlier in the season and treating new growth and weeds that were missed earlier. The office is in the process of contact landowners to set up fall aerial spraying. They are concentrating contacting landowners in specific areas for special projects. Margie also reported that five enforcement procedures are scheduled for Thursday morning. Vigilante Weed Management will be contracting the work for the enforcements.*

Personnel Update: *Margie reported that we will start losing some personnel to school in the next week or two. Margie stated that she will run as many unit through September as are available.*

Vehicle & Equipment update: *96 Ford is at the shop for brake repair, should be back in service Wednesday.*

Other Old Business: *None.*

New Business:

Roger Siemens: *Roger visited with the Board about the County Cost Share program and approved herbicide that applies to the program. There was discussion among Roger and the Board concerning the use of sterilents and if these products could be approved for cost share. Also Roger asked about compliance of the Noxious Weed Law. Margie outlined the procedures involved with carrying out non-compliance and enforcements. Also discussed were some of the limitations involved when enforcing the Montana/County Weed Law. Roger also inquired the procedure when Subdivisions are proposed. The Board explained that new Subdivisions must go through a review process with the Board and have a Weed Management Plan on file in order to have the Subdivision final platted.*

Weed Management Plans: *The Board reviewed seven Weed Management Plans. All were approved of those three were approved with Modifications. Subdivision Plans that were reviewed and approved were: Reeves Minor, Sadler Minor, Deeming Minor, Eaton Minor, and Moonlight Basin Cowboy Heaven Phase 4A.*

Budget: *Margie reported that she had to make some revisions to the preliminary budget. She reported that changes were made to the fuel line item, contracted services and construction and equipment. The Board discussed the feasibility of building a separate steel enclosure for storage compared to trying to add on to the existing building. With the amount quoted last fall to add on to the existing building it may be more cost effective to put up a simple three to four bay building.*

Other New Business: *None.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 to conduct a weed tour at the Ennis insectary, the River Project and the Slide in area of the South Madison.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Margie Edsall, Coordinator